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FROM AMBASSADOR MAILLIARD

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, OAS, DR

SUBJ: OAS CHARTER REFORM: TALKS WITH DOMINICANS

1. AFTER SHORT MEETINGS WITH FONSEC JIMENEZ AND PRESIDENT BALAGUER YESTERDAY, DURING WHICH I RECEIVED GENERAL ASSURANCES OF COMPREHENSION OF OUR PROBLEMS WITH THE PROPOSED REVISIONS, AND INDICATIONS OF SUPPORT FOR OUR POSITIONS, I ATTENDED A WORKING SESSION AT THE FONOFF TODAY, TOGETHER WITH DCM AND POL COUNSELOR, TO DISCUSS THE ISSUES IN MORE DETAIL WITH UNDERSECRETARY LICELOTT MARTE DE BARRIOS, TECHNICAL AMBASSADOR PACHECO AND DOMINICAN OAS AMBASSADOR DE PENA. THE DOMINICANS LISTENED CAREFULLY TO MY EXPOSITIONS OF US VIEWS AND PRESENTED SOME OF THEIR OWN.

2. UNDERSECRETARY MARTE DE BARRIOS SUGGESTED THAT A SPECIAL CONFERENCE OF THE OAS BE CALLED TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED CHARGER REVISIONS AND THAT AN EFFORT BE MADE, ONCE THE MAIN POINTS HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED, TO REFER THE REVISION RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE INTERAMERICAN JUDICIAL COMMITTEE. REMOVED FROM THE POLITICAL ARENA WHERE POSTURING IS THE ORDER OF THE DAY, THE ISSUE COULD THEN BE TREATED IN A

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JURIDICAL CONTEXT AND ATMOSPHERE WITH FAR GREATER POS-

SIBILITY OF SUCCESSFUL RESOLUTION. THE IAJC COULD DRAFT A PROTOCOL OF AMENDMENT FOR SUBMISSION TO MEMBER GOVERNMENTS THROUGH THE PERMANENT COUNCIL. AN INTERESTING AND INNOVATIVE ASPECT OF THE PROPOSAL AS SUBMITTED BY MARTE AND AMB PACHECO, WAS THE ASSUMPTION THAT AGREEMENT MIGHT PROVE IMPOSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE, WITH THE RESULT THAT FURTHER MOVEMENT ON CHARTER REVISION WOULD BE DROPPED AND THE OAS WOULD GO ALONG WITH THE PRESENT DOCUMENT.

3. DOMINICAN POSITIONS ON THE SPECIFIC ISSUES UNDER DISCUSSION WERE GENERALLY SIMILAR TO OUR OWN, WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS. THESE ARE: THE GODR WOULD LIKE TO PRESERVE ARTICLE 8, FOR REASONS THAT APPARENTLY RELATE PRINCIPALLY TO RELATIONS WITH HAITI; A SPECIAL REGIME FOR CONDITIONAL MEMBERSHIP MINISTATES, SOMETHING LIKE THAT PROPOSED FOR THE UN, MIGHT BE FEASIBLE FOR THE OAS; THEY ACCEPT THE IDEA OF A SINGLE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL BUT WOULD LIKE TO PRESERVE THE SEPARATION OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND CULTURE FROM ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL MATTERS AT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE LEVEL. THE GODR HAS NOT YET TAKEN A POSITION ON THE ISSUE OF COLLECTIVE ECONOMIC SECURITY.

4. THE MEETINGS WITH MARTE, PACHECO AND AMB DE PENA WAS PLEASANT AND INTERESTING. OUR INTERLOCUTORS HAD DONE A LOT OF THINKING ABOUT OAS AND HAD STUDIED CAREFULLY THE AIDE MEMOIRE WITH OUR THOUGHTS AS OF LAST DECEMBER. ALTHOUGH THE SUGGESTION TO MOVE THE REVISION THROUGH A SPECIAL CONFERENCE TO THE IAJC MAY HAVE HURDLES IN ITS PATH, THE IDEA HAS CERTAIN ATTRACTIONS WHICH MAY BE WORTH EXPLORING. I WAS MOST IMPRESSED BY THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE DOMINICANS AND BY THE QUALITY OF THEIR THINKING ON THESE IMPORTANT ISSUES.  
HURWITCH

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